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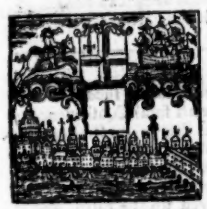

HERE is no Part of the Duty of my Office that I have executed with more Care, than the *Guardianſhip* I have aſſum'd of my *Fair Readers*. The Cautions I have from Time to Time given them, I would preſume have been frequently of *ſome Uſe*; and indeed I have receiv'd more *Acknowledgments* of that Kind than I have cared to make publick. I ſhall continue their faithful *Occaſional Monitor* with my uſual *Gravity* and *Authority*, but never with ſo ſevere an Air as to diſguſt their *Delicacy*. On the other Hand, tho' they muſt not expect from me ſuch *ſmart Raillery* as I may now and then receive from a *young Correſpondent*, they may always depend upon ſeeing whatever is communicated of *this ſort*, if it be circumſcrib'd by the Rules I have ever obſerv'd in the Conduct of *this Paper*. As the ſubſequent Letter, in *ſome Degree*, has each of theſe *Qualities* to recommend it, I give it them without farther *Apology*.

To the AUTHOR *of the* UNIVERSAL SPECTATOR.

Mr. STONECASTLE,

THO' you have declar'd againſt *Politicks*, yet methinks ſuch ſerious Things as *Invaſions* and *Plots* might a little engage your Attention. If you are yourſelf ever ſo *diſintereſted*, and *ſecure*, you cannot be ſo void of Humanity as to have no Concern for your *Fellow Subjects*, who may be in Danger from the *Conſpiracies* of evil-deſigning Perſons.

I imagine you are already beginning to *ſhrug* up your *Shoulders*, and ſay to yourſelf, *This will not do*. Not to keep you therefore any longer in *Suſpence*, it is not *National Politicks* or the *French Invaſion* that I am going to ſpeak of. The Fellow Subjects I mean are thoſe of the *other Sex*, againſt whom a *Conſpiracy* is continually carrying on by the gay young Fellows of *ours*. Few of them are ſufficiently ſenſible of their own *Danger*, which makes *Advice* the more frequently neceſſary. I believe you will *concur* with me in my Opinion.

Some indeed, and pretty Women too, have been ſo hardy and ſelf-ſufficient as to advance the *contrary*. No Matter, ſay they, how deep the *Plot* againſt us be laid; if we are but always upon *Guard*, there is no Fear of an *Invaſion*.

But I would aſk thoſe Heroines, Who is *always* upon Guard? Who is aware of every *Wile* and *Stratagem* that Love and Artifice may contrive? No General will pretend to ſo much Knowledge in the Art of *War*, as a poor weak Woman here pretends to in that of *Self Defence*. All the poſſible Means of *Attack*, all the Circumſtances of *Time* and *Place* ſhould be known and foreſeen, before either the one or the other ſhould fall into this *dangerous Security*. Who doubts of the Skill and Bravery of either our *Generals* or *Admirals*? And yet we ſee them uſe more than ordinary *Precaution* and *Vigilance* in the preſent Conjuncture.

If any Time be more *dangerous* than other to *Female Virtue*, it is allow'd on all Hands to be the Seaſon *now approaching*. Your Predeceſſor, Mr. *Spectator*, gave his Fair Readers a *May-Day Lecture*, and it would not be amiſs, in the *Calendar* of the Sex, to prefix to it a *March Caution*.

Miſs CAUTELA, who during a whole Winter had withſtood the *Solicitations* of FLAVONIUS, was ſuddenly *ſurpriz'd* and *invaded* one *Sunday* Morning, by going out too *early*, without her Father, to gather *Primroſes*.

Another young Lady of my Acquaintance, *extremely modeſt*, whoſe Name was DECORA, is reported to have ſuffer'd an *Invaſion* one Evening at Home, from an *Enemy* ſhe did not *ſuſpect*, yet could not for her Heart *reſiſt*, by ſitting with only *one Candle*, which happen'd accidentally to *go out*, when not a Creature was in the Way to *light* it again.

A third melancholy Inſtance is in poor Lady CHARLOTTE, who thought herſelf *brave* beyond Example: But the *Foe* came ſlily upon her one Day in the *Garden*, when ſhe was out of the *Hearing* of every Chriſtian Soul, and found her *natural Strength* inſufficient to repel his *Approaches*.

It is not enough, from theſe Examples, to infer the Danger of going out *alone too early*, of walking *too far* out of the Reach of Company, of ſitting with *too little Light* where there is too much *Love*. Theſe are but *ſingle* and *obvious Inſtances*, which may be varied by a thouſand *Circumſtances*, and the Uſe of which every Fair One ſhould improve for herſelf, as *Temptation* or *Stratagem* may chance to occur. It is impoſſible in this Caſe to give any other than *general* Advice, which is to be always *ſuſpicious* and *reſolute*.

We have a very pretty *Allegory* of *John Bunyan's*, which I remember to have read when a Boy, and which I ſhall apply upon the preſent Occaſion. It is in a Book entitled, if I am not miſtaken, *The Holy War, made by Shaddai upon Diabolus, for the Recovery of the City of Manſoul*. Tho' our honeſt *Tinker* has entirely a *Spiritual Meaning* I hope it will be thought no *Profanation* of his Fable that I give it a Turn ſomewhat more *Carnal*.

He gives to his City *five Gates*, which he calls by the Names of the *five Senſes*, or their *Organs*; *Eargate*, *Eyegate*, *Noſegate*, *Mouthgate*, and *Feelgate*; and then teaches the manner of *defending* each againſt the *Beſieger*, DIABOLUS, as I would now teach it againſt the *Invaders*, MEN.

For the Guard of *Eargate* I would adviſe your Fair Readers to appoint *Humility*, and *S-lf-Diffidence*; the chief Battery there planted being *Flattery*, which uſually makes dreadful Havock where *Vanity*, as it has often been, is entruſted with the *Command*.

Eyegate is a dangerous Port when *Indolence* and *Concupiſcence* are ſuffered to have the Care of it. I would therefore recommend in their Stead *Vigilance* and *Reflection*, who uſually prevent the Enemy from making any *fatal Impreſſion*.

Noſegate is the Place that requires much the leaſt Precaution, there ſeldom being an *Aſſault* made there with any Thing but *Powder*. However, the inſidious Aſſailants frequently make here a *Feint* only, while they ply their whole Force againſt *Eargate* and *Eyegate*.

Mouthgate ſhould be exceeding well guarded, that being the *Traitor's Paſſage*, by which no Means are ever omitted to *entice* or *bribe* out a Party from within. The Perſon moſt to be diſtruſted is one Mr. *Affirmative*; for which Reaſon prudent young Ladies always place Captain *Negative* at this Portal.

An Attack upon *Feelgate* is always held to be unfair, and contrary to the *Rules* of War. Yet ſome *deſperate Beſiegers* venture to make it, eſpecially when *Negative* continues obſtinately at his Poſt, when they are ſure there is an *Inſurrection* within in their Favour.

To prevent ſuch dangerous Inſurrections, it is neceſſary, above all, that *Reaſon* ſhould remain perpetual *Governor*; he alone being capable of iſſuing out proper Commands on every *Emergency*, and defeating the Effect of every *Stratagem*.

You, Mr. *Stonecaſtle*, are the beſt Judge whether this *Plan of Defence* be conſonant to the Deſign of your *Paper*. If it be, the *Publication* of it will be agreeable to *ſome others*, beſides your humble Servant,

WILL CIRCUMSPECT.

To the KING's *Moſt Excellent* MAJESTY.

The Humble Addreſs of the SPINSTERS *and* WIDOWS *of the City of* London, *between the Ages of Sixteen and Sixty, inclusive.*

May it pleaſe your MAJESTY!

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the *Spinſters* and *Widows* of your Majeſty's good City of *London*, between the Ages of Sixteen and Sixty, in *Free Parley* aſſembled, beg Leave to declare our Abhorrence of the baſe and treacherous Deſign of your Majeſty's Enemies, to impoſe on theſe Realms the *Son* of a *Popiſh Pretender*, a mere *Stripling*.

We are too ſenſible of the *Bleſſings* we enjoy under the mild and auſpicious Reign of your Majeſty, the great Patron of *Liberty*, to wiſh to exchange it for a *Religion* and *Policy* that would ſhut us all up in *Nunneries*.

And whereas we are inform'd that the projected *Invaſion* is to be made by *French Papiſts*, Fellows of more *Skew* and *Levity*, than real *Uſe* and *Solidity*; we ſolemnly proteſt that we will not *comfort* or *abet*, much leſs *aſſociate* or *marry* with any of the ſaid *French* Papiſts; but that we will rather, upon a Deficiency of *our own* Countrymen thro' your Majeſty's Service, take up with *robuſt Germans*, or *unpoliſh'd Dutchmen*.

And for as much as there is Reaſon to ſuſpect, from his Birth and Education in their Country, that the *ſaid Stripling* intends to bring over with him a great Number of *Italians*; which *Italians*, by what we have here ſeen or heard concerning them, are a Sort of *deſpicable Animals*, without any other *Token* of *Manhood*, but a *ſqueaking Articulation*; we do farther proteſt, that we will *ſpit in the Face* of every ſuch *Italian*, and uſe him with all that *Indignity* and *opprobrious Language* which in Conſcience think he deſerves.

We will furthermore *ſpirit* and *encourage*, to the utmoſt of our Power, all our *Friends* and *humble Servants* of the other Sex, in Number above *twenty Thouſand*, to diſcharge themſelves like Men on this Occaſion, for the Glory of *your Majeſty*, and of *Us* their *Miſtreſſes*: Motives which alone, we dare engage, will make them ſuperior to *thirty Thouſand French*.

Our Names being too numerous to be *ſign'd* in any moderate Quantity of Sheets, or for your Majeſty's *Peruſal* in any reaſonable Time, or even to find a Place in a *Sixpenny London Gazette*, we do empower our worthy *Secretary*, and your Majeſty's very good Subject, *Henry Stonecaſtle*, Eſq; to ſignify and declare theſe our *humble Reſolutions* in our Behalf.

Sign'd,

H. STONECASTLE.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Dantzick, Feb. 22. We have a Confirmation that the Prince of Brunſwick-Wolfembuttle was remov'd from the Fort of Dunamund the 3d Inſtant, but not carried to Peterſbourg, as was ſaid; his Highneſs has been convey'd to a Fort near Revel, and the Princeſs Anne of Mecklembourg, his Conſort, is put into a Convent further up in the Country. We don't hear where they have put their Children.

Leghorn, Feb. 14. We learn from the Iſland of Corſica, that the Report which the Republick of Genoa has endeavour'd to ſpread abroad, of an Accommodation being concluded and ſign'd with the Malecontents there, is abſolutely without Foundation. We have even certain Advices, that the Party of Lord Theodore, which was thought to have been quite extinct, begins again to ſhew its Head, and that he has already addreſs'd himſelf to the Courts of London, Vienna, and Turin; but it is not yet known how his Propoſals have been receiv'd.

Rome, Feb. 15. Four Foreigners of Diſtinction are arriv'd at the Chevalier de St. George's Palace, ſince the Departure of his Son, and by what we can hear they are Iriſh Lords or Gentlemen.

Dreſden, Feb. 26. According to ſome Letters from Potſdam, his Pruſſian Majeſty has been greatly indiſpoſed; which is thought to be owing to his too great Application, that Monarch of late having ſcarce allow'd himſelf time to eat or ſleep; whence we conjecture that ſome great Deſign or other is upon the Carpet, and even at the Point of Execution.

Paris, Feb. 28. Letters from Madrid ſay, that his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Auſtrias is ſtill in a very declining State; ſometimes mending, ſometimes growing worſe, inſomuch that the moſt able Phyſicians know not what to make of his Diſtemper; but that his continuing in this Condition made a deep Impreſſion on the People, who have the warmeſt Affection for his Perſon, which they never fail to teſtify by the loudeſt Acclamations, whenever he is able to appear in Publick, which is but ſeldom.

Paris, March 2. Mr. Thompſon is ſtill here: He went to Verſailles the 27th of laſt Month, to demand a Declaration, on which his Departure will depend; but M. Amelot being very buſy, he came back without it, and we don't know whether he has yet had it.

From the Paris A-la-main, March 6.

Extract of a Letter from Marſeilles, Feb. 26.

'The 24th Inſtant two Tartans arriv'd at Toulon, being diſpatch'd thither by M. de Court, with the following Account.

'The Engliſh Squadron having deſcry'd the 22d Inſtant the French and Spaniſh Squadrons, began to fire upon the latter, who form'd the Right of the Fleet; Admiral Navarre anſwer'd them briſky, maintain'd the Fight four Hours together, and could not be join'd by M. de Court 'till it was very late. This firſt Bruſh laſted 'till the Duſk of the Evening; but towards Eleven o'Clock the Engagement was renew'd with greater Fury, and continued 'till Break of Day, when it ceas'd for the ſecond Time. In fine, on the 23d, in the Morning, the three Squadrons went to it again, and cannonaded one another all Day long. We have ſunk two of their Ships, ſhot away the Main-maſts of three others, and burnt two three-deck'd Ships, Part of whoſe Companies got away to Toulon, where they have been receiv'd and are performing Quarantain. Admiral Matthews's Ship was blown up: He has had 16 Sail of his Squadron diſabled, and the reſt are fled. The 23d, in the Evening, our Squadrons went in Purſuit of them, and we have had no News of them ſince. Ammunition fail'd the Enemy, who did not expect the Fight would be renew'd ſo often. It is not ſaid a great many Men have been kill'd.

The Prince of Conti, whoſe Departure was only delay'd until the Iſſue of the Affair of Toulon, took his Leave of the King laſt Monday, and ſet out the 3d Inſtant at Night for Lyons, where the Infant Don Philip arriv'd the 22d of laſt Month with the Marqueſs de la Mina.

The Mediterranean being now clear, the King has order'd all the Officers that are to ſerve in Italy to ſet out forthwith.

Actions 2062 Livres 10 Sols.

From the Paris A-la-main, March 11.

We hear from Lyons that the Infant Don Philip is gone from thence to Antibes, where they are actually embarking the French and Spaniſh Troops.

Recruits paſs daily thro' Languedoc for the Spaniſh Troops, who are reckon'd to be actually 30,000 ſtrong in Provence.

Actions 2090 Livres.

From the Hague Gazette of the 9th of March.

Marſeilles, Feb. 24. This is the whole Sum of what we hear concerning the Battle between the Combin'd Fleet and the Engliſh Squadron. The firſt conſiſting, as 'tis ſaid, of 33 Sail, got out of the Road of Toulon the 20th Inſtant in the Morning, and was oblig'd to keep along the Coaſt in order to reach the Iſles of Hyeres. The Engliſh having weighed Anchor the ſame Day in order to follow our Squadron, attack'd the Spaniards the 22d towards Noon, off of Ciotat: They cannonaded one another until Five o'Clock, the French not being engag'd all that Time. The next Morning the Fight was renew'd at Seven o'Clock, and we heard the Report of the great Guns all the laſt Night, and alſo 'till Seven this Evening, but ſtill further off. Some think that the Combin'd Squadrons are in purſuit of the Engliſh; but others aſſure, that the latter got behind our Fleet off Caſſis, and that, in Fact, 'tis they that are purſuing the Combin'd Squadrons. It is certain that the Wind did ſhift more than once all this Time, having favour'd both Sides by Turns. A Captain arriv'd from Leghorn reports, that he ſaw the two Fleets engag'd, but could not judge which Side had the Advantage: And by a French Tartan we hear, that the Engliſh Fleet ſeem'd to be diſpers'd. But the Maſter of the Packet Boat from Port-Mahon only ſays, that he ſaw the Fleets in Action, without giving any Particulars. As we have no News of the Return of any of our Ships to Toulon, we are confirm'd in the Notion, that the Engliſh have cut off the Retreat of our Ships, though other pretend that they are gone to Antibes in order to haſten the Embarkation deſign'd for Italy, and that 'tis for this Purpoſe the Gallies in this Harbour are kept in readineſs to put to Sea. In the mean Time we keep a mournful Silence here, and 'tis pretended there are Orders from Court, forbidding to ſend any Expreſs to Paris before the Battle is quite over.——The Reader may compare this Account with that in the Paris A-la-main, and make ſuch Remarks upon it as he pleaſes; which is all that we chuſe to ſay of the Matter.

From the London Gazette.

Dunkirk, March 13. The firſt of March the Embarkation began, by ſending Troops into our Road in Fiſhing-Boats and Bilanders, after their having lain four Days in them in the Harbour: When they got into the Road, it blew ſo hard that they could not board their reſpective Ships, and were oblig'd to lie ſome Time at an Anchor, by which they ſuffer'd greatly, being ſo crowded, and having no Proviſions but what they took in their Knapſacks: When thoſe Men had boarded, the ſmall Veſſels return'd for more, to which happen'd the ſame Fate, and ſome Bilanders founder'd, but how many were loſt is kept a Secret. There were at the ſame Time three Veſſels loading in the Harbour with Chevaux de Frize (which are made after a new Invention, being very ſmall, and ſerv'd alſo for Tent Poles) Pickaxes, Shovels, &c. There were alſo ſome ſmall Cannon and ſome Battering Pieces. Laſt Saturday the Wind blow'd a Storm at N. E. when ſeven of the Tranſports were driven on Shore; the Loſs of the Troops on board them is not known. On Sunday ſeveral Colonels, and other noted Gentlemen, were ſent for to come on Shore; the Wind ſhifted to the N. W. and blew hard again, ſo that on Wedneſday the 11th one large Tranſport came on Shore, and the Morning following two more, all which are Ships of about 200 Tons, except two. During the Time of the Wind, Signals of Diſtreſs were made by the Men of War, and conſtant Firing was heard, but no Help could get to them, and 'tis thought, if the Gale had continu'd a little longer, they muſt have all come on Shore. During the Storm the Troops ſuffer'd greatly, having no Proviſions on board, and were almoſt famiſh'd. Yeſterday and this Day the remaining Tranſports in the Road (which were 23) were order'd into the Harbour; but ſome are ſo large they cannot well get in, ſo that the Solders muſt debark the ſame Way they embark'd. The Garriſon conſiſts of 20,000 Men. Since the Commencement of this Affair we have had no Letters deliver'd to us, nor one Soul allow'd to go out of the Town. Here are about fifty Sail of Engliſh detain'd in the Harbour. They took an Engliſh Cutter, which they mann'd with French, and ſent her out to reconnoitre Sir John Norris. There are Twelve Tranſports left in the Road, with four Men of War. The Admiral's Ship mounts 70 Guns; the three others are 60 Gun Ships. There are likewiſe two Frigates. Lord Mareſhall, and ſeveral other Engliſh, Scotch and Iriſh Gentlemen, are here. The Iriſh Brigades were in the Lower Town, and were order'd to Bergues. They are order'd down again, and are to work (as ſome ſay) to repair the New Harbour, where a Battery is to be made, on which they can mount 36 Guns. This laſt Paragraph is only Hearſay.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Feb. 27. On Friday laſt a ſudden Storm aroſe, which was attended with fatal Conſequences; a Boat from St. Ninans was driven on Preſtonpans Shore and overſet; four Men and a Boy periſh'd, and one Man was ſav'd by catching Hold of a Rope: The Ships in the Road of Leith were oblig'd to quit their Anchors, and were driven up the Firth, and it was with Difficulty the King's Ship rode it out.

The ſame Day another Boat was loſt, when three Men and a Boy periſh'd.

LONDON.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight his Majeſty went to the Houſe of Peers with the uſual State, and being ſeated on the Throne in his Robes, the Royal Aſſent was given to the following Bills, viz.

An Act for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry, for the Service of the Year 1744.

An Act to impower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain ſuch Perſons as ſhall be ſuſpected of conſpiring againſt his Majeſty's Perſon and Government.

An Act for diſſolving the Marriage of Henry Duke of Beaufort with Lady Frances Scudamore.

An Act to prevent Abuſes in weighing and packing of Butter, in the Town and Borough of New Malton in the County of York.

An Act to oblige Overſeers of the Poor to produce their Rates.

A Bill to enable the Clergy in Scotland to make Proviſion for their Widows and Orphans.

And to ſeveral Road Bills and private Bills.

We hear that Kenſington-Palace will be fitted up for the Reception of the Royal Family, who will go to reſide there this Summer.

We are inform'd that his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the following Officers to be employ'd in the Army now forming in England, to oppoſe any Invaſion from France, under the Chief Command of his Excellency the Earl of Stair, Field-Marſhal and Commander in Chief in South Britain, viz. Lord Mark Ker, General; Charles Churchill, Sir Robert Rich, Duke of Montagu, Lieutenant-Generals; Lord Cadogan, John Folliot, Duke of Richmond, Major-Generals; —— Blackeney, James Oglethorpe, Lord Delawar, Duke of Marlborough, Edward Wolf, Anthony Lowther, Brigadiers; Brigadier Blackeney, Quarter-Maſter-General; Col. Ingram, Capt. Littleton, Lieut. Col. Elliſon.

We hear that a great many Noblemen, and Gentlemen of good Eſtates and Intereſt in their reſpective Counties, have waited on the King at Court, and voluntarily offer'd, ſome to raiſe whole Regiments, both Horſe and Foot, at their own Expence, in Defence of his Majeſty's Sacred Perſon and the Rights of the Crown, againſt the French, or any other Power, who dare preſume to eſpouſe the Cauſe of a Popiſh Pretender, by invading theſe Kingdoms on that or any other Pretence whatſoever.

The Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount Lonſdale, Lord Lieutenant and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the Counties of Weſtmoreland and Cumberland, has ſent Orders to his Deputies to have the Militia of the aforeſaid Counties ready to march on the firſt Notice.

His Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle, Lord Lieutenant and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the County of Middleſex

Ex, has given Orders to the reſpective Commanding Officers belonging to the Militia of the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, to hold themſelves in readineſs, at a Day's Warning, upon any Emergency.

Orders are ſent to the Governor of Tilbury Fort to mount the Cannon, and to fill the Tankard with Water, in order for a Defence; a Regiment of Foot are order'd there for that Purpoſe.

An Order is ſent down into different Parts of Kent, from the War-Office, to the Officers of the ſeveral Regiments of Horſe and Foot quarter'd in thoſe Places, to eaſe the Innholders and Publicans of their preſent Burden, by diſperſing the Soldiers into the Villages, and commanding that no more than ſix be quarter'd at a Houſe.

We hear that Orders are gone to Flanders for the Return of 6000 of the Britiſh Troops from thence, on the firſt Notice of the French attempting to invade his Majeſty's Britiſh Dominions.

By the laſt Letters from Dublin we are inform'd, that ſoon after the Draught had been made of 108 Men from the Royal Iriſh Dragoons, and a proportionable Number from the other Regiments, in order to be ſent to England, an Expreſs arriv'd, with Orders for four Men more to be draughted from each Troop of Horſe, Dragoons and Foot, which his Grace the Duke of Devonſhire immediately put in Execution.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight upwards of 300 Horſes were fitted at the Tower with Harneſſes, &c. in order to draw the Train of Artillery deſign'd for the Engliſh Coaſts; the Train, which conſiſts of 150 Pieces, march'd out from thence the next Day.

Wedneſday Morning General Wade ſet out from his Houſe in Burlington-Street, with a grand Retinue, to take upon him the Command of the Army in Flanders.

Laſt Saturday Dr. Silveſter was appointed Phyſician General to the Army in Flanders.

It is ſaid that 1,800,000 l. will be raiſed, part by Three per Cent. Annuities, and part by a Lottery, for the current Service.

Several Perſons are diſcharg'd out of his Majeſty's Kitchen, as coming under the Deſcription ſet forth in the Proclamation.

On Tueſday came Advice, that his Majeſty's Ship the Succeſs, Capt. Wickham, was arriv'd at Deal from Lisbon; the ſame Night four Waggons loaded with Money were brought from thence and lodg'd in the Bank, for the Uſe of the Merchants of this City.

It is much fear'd that his Majeſty's Ship the Medway is loſt, nothing having been heard of her ſince ſhe ſeparated from Sir John Norris in the Channel.

Laſt Week was married at the Quakers Meeting Houſe at Wandſworth in Surrey, Mr. Thomas Zachary, a wealthy Furrier in Cannon-Street, to Miſs Briggins, of Bartholomew-Cloſe, a young Gentlewoman of 10,000 l. Fortune. They afterwards ſet out for the Bowling-Green Houſe at Putney, where an elegant Entertainment was provided for them.

Laſt Week the Reverend Dr. Gregory, Canon of Chriſt-Church in Oxford, was married to the Right Honourable Lady Mary Grey, (the late Duke of Kent's Daughter) at St. George's Church, Hanover-Square.

Laſt Sunday Mr. Clarkſon, a wealthy Clothier at Kiderminſter in Glouceſterſhire, was married at Weſtminſter Abbey to Miſs Ellen Hitchcock, only Daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, Prebendary of the Cathedral of Worceſter, a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 5000 l.

Private Letters by Monday's Dutch Mail adviſe, that the 28th of laſt Month died at Oſtend Capt. James Webb, belonging to Col. Onſlow's Regiment of Foot; a Gentleman of great Bravery and Courage.

By the laſt Letters from Jamaica, there is an Account of the Death of Mr. Maynard, Agent Victualler of that Iſland; and alſo of the Death of Capt. Brodie.

A few Days ſince died, after a long Illneſs, the Rev. Mr. Clarke, Rector of Brampton near Norwich, which Living is in the Gift of Charles Townley, of Clapham in the County of Surrey, Eſq;

Laſt Week died at Litchfield in Staffordſhire, after a long Illneſs, the Rev. Mr. Stephenſon, Vicar of St. Mary's in that City.

Laſt Saturday died the Reverend and Learned Dr. Taylor, Greek Profeſſor, and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

On Sunday Night died, at his Houſe at Mortlake in Surrey, John Anſtis, Eſq; Garter King at Arms, in advanced Years. In him were join'd the Learning of Cambden, the Induſtry without the Inaccuracy of Sir William Dugdale. He was well vers'd in the Greek and Roman Claſſicks, a Quality very rare to Gentlemen of his Profeſſion; was communicative in all Works of Learning, without regard to Perſons or Party, and few valuable Works have been publiſh'd without his Aſſiſtance; entertaining and improving in his Converſation: To him is owing the Revival of the Order of the Bath in the moſt elegant Manner. In fine, as he was the learned and exact Antiquary, the polite Gentleman, the indulgent Parent and real Chriſtian, is much lamented by his Family, Friends, and all the Learned, as well abroad as at home.

The ſame Day died, at his Houſe in Baſinghall-Street, Mr. John Anthony Loubier, an eminent Merchant, in Partnerſhip with Meſſ. Teſſier.

Laſt Tueſday died, after a long Illneſs, at his Lodgings in Fenchurch-Street, Mr. Kearn, lately arriv'd from the Weſt-Indies, where he was poſſeſs'd of ſeveral Plantations.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has preſented the Rev. Mr. William Hay to the Rectory of Tollinſhunt-Knights, in the County of Eſſex and Dioceſe of London.

His Lordſhip has likewiſe preſented the Rev. Mr. Edmund Pryte to the Vicarage of Llanolliochyarne, in the County of Montgomery, and Dioceſe of St. Aſaph.

The Rev. Mr. Bayley is to ſucceed the Rev. Mr. Abbot, deceas'd, as a Prieſt in the Chapel Royal at St. James's.

The Rev. Mr. Evans is to ſucceed Mr. Bayley as one of the Choir of the aforeſaid Chapel. And

Mr. Waſs ſucceeds the Rev. Mr. Abbot (who held two Places in the Chapel Royal) as one of the Laymen in the Choir there.

The Rev. Mr. George Coulton is preſented, by Mr. William Parker, Merchant, on S.. Mary Hill, to the Rectory of Great St. Helen's, vacant by the Death of the Rev. Dr. Hayward.

Laſt Tueſday ſe'nnight came on the Election for a Lecturer of St. Andrew's, Holbourn, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Abbot, deceas'd. There were eight Candidates at firſt declar'd, but on the Day of Election reduced to four, viz. the Rev. Mr. Burnet, Mr. Platell, Mr. Blakeſtone and Mr. Wright; the latter of whom was choſen by a very great Majority.

Laſt Tueſday came on the Election of a Lecturer for the Pariſh of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Romney, deceas'd: The eight Candidates were reduced to two, viz. the Rev. Mr. Skinner and the Rev. Mr. Sparke, the former of whom was choſen by a great Majority.

Laſt Monday in the Afternoon part of the Front of the White Bear Inn in Old-Street fell down, by which Accident a Journeyman Baker had his Skull fractur'd: He was immediately carry'd to St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital, but 'tis thought he can't recover.

On Tueſday Mr. Silveſter, a Tideſman belonging to the Cuſtom-Houſe, ſtanding too Carelelly on the Side of a Ship at Black-Wall, was, by a ſudden Squall of Wind, blown into the River and drown'd, notwithſtanding the utmoſt Endeavours to preſerve him.

Laſt Tueſday Morning a large Weſt-Country Barge was ſunk, by the Violence of the Wind, near Parliament-Stairs, Weſtminſter, loaded with Coals and Barley for Staines.

The ſame Day a Lighter, laden with Corn, was ſunk in going through Bridge; great Endeavours were us'd to ſave the Lighterman, but to no Purpoſe, the Wind blowing ſo ſtrong againſt the Tide prevented the Boats going to his Aſſiſtance.

On Tueſday a Waggon loaded with Tea, which had been conceal'd for ſome Time at Sevenoaks in Kent, was brought to Town and convey'd to the Cuſtom-Houſe; it was ſeiz'd on Sunday laſt, on an Information, by Meſſ. Quaif, Lloyd, Simpſon and Lee, Cuſtom-Houſe Officers.

Laſt Monday Night, about Seven o'Clock, Mr. Green, an Oilman in Rotherhithe, was attack'd by two Footpads in Kennington-Lane; who took from him his Hat and Wig (notwithſtanding the Inclemency of the Night) and nine Shillings in Silver, and then made off, bidding him get home like a poor Dog as he was.

On Thurſday ſe'nnight eleven Perſons were taken up at a lone Houſe near St. James's Park Wall, between St. George's Hoſpital and Pimlico; the Perſon who kept the ſaid Houſe is committed to Tothill-Fields-Bridewell; the other ten are admitted to Bail. They uſed to hold what they call'd Mock-Maſquerades there, for which they paid 1 s. each, for the Benefit of one of the Fraternity. The Company were all Men, but half of them dreſs'd in Womens Habits, and a Perſon was among them who perſonated a Clergyman, married the Couples, who had likewiſe a Room to Bed together. There was another Room, where they were accommodated with Coffee, Tea, Jellies and Sweetmeats. About a Month ago there were near two hundred Perſons at a Benefit.

On Saturday laſt Andrew Morris was committed to the Gatehouſe, Weſtminſter, by James Fraſier and Daniel Gatch, Eſqrs. two of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace for the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, on Suſpicion of being a Romiſh Prieſt.

Laſt Tueſday John Hayes, William Robinſon, and James Gregory were committed, by Col. De Veil and Thomas Lediard, Eſq; to Newgate Priſon, for burglariouſly breaking open the Houſe of Mrs. King, a Widow Gentlewoman at Twickenham, and feloniouſly taking out of it ſome Houſhold Goods, two Guns, and a great Quantity of Lead, her Property.

The ſame Day a Quantity of Muſkets were taken at the Houſe of Mr. David Mount, a French Barber in Lumber-Court, by a Search-Warrant from Col. De Veil and Edward Aſhe, Eſq;

On Sunday laſt the Purſer of the Neptune, Capt. Dabadie, from the Eaſt-Indies, arriv'd at the India Houſe in Leadenhall-Street, with Advice of the ſafe Arrival of that Ship at Dover, after a long and troubleſome Voyage of 33 Months, in which they had a terrible Storm of Thunder and Lightning, that deſtroy'd their Main-Top-Gallant and Top-maſts, and ſplit the Main-maſt down to the Rooms, tore off a Piece from the Larboard Pump of 20 Inches, and knock'd down ſeveral of the People in the Gang-Way, but nobody receiv'd any Damage; it ſprung ſeveral wouding Nails, ſome of them ten Inches long.

They write from Jamaica, of the 28th of December, that his Majeſty's Ship Oxford, Capt. Perry Mayne, Commander, had taken a Spaniſh Ship with 60,000 Pieces of Eight on board, beſides other valuable Merchandize, and carried her into Port-Royal in that Iſland.

On Saturday came Advice that the Succeſs, Maſhiter, from London for Lancaſter, is loſt near Sandown Caſtle; the Men with great Difficulty ſav'd their Lives; but the Ship was beat to Pieces.

Monday came Advice, that the Milner, Legroſs, from Maryland for London, was taken by the St. Anthony Privateer, of 20 Carriage Guns, the 3d of laſt Month, and carried into Bilboa after a ſtout Reſiſtance.

The Induſtry, Capt. Crawley, being arriv'd in the Downs from New-England, brings Letters from thence, importing, that his Majeſty's Ship the Aſtrea, of 20 Guns, was burnt to the Water's Edge at Boſton in New-England.

The Prince of Orange, Forſtall, from Dublin for Liſbon, is taken by a Spaniſh Privateer and carry'd into Vigo.

According to ſome late Advices from Poland, the Rebels in Lithuania receive private Succours from ſome Foreign Power, and the Republick uſes her utmoſt Diligence to diſcover whence, but hitherto without Succeſs; and the ſame Letters ſay likewiſe, they were join'd by a Body of ſome Thouſand Zaporowſki Coſſacks, and were determin'd to march towards Warſaw.

Extract of a Letter from Brightelmſtone in Suſſex, dated Feb. 22.

'The News of the French Fleet being on this 'Coaſt greatly alarm'd the Inhabitants, ſeveral of 'whom remov'd the beſt of their Effects: Yeſterday 'ſeveral Officers of the Fleet, attended by ſome Sailors, ſuppos'd to be Iriſh, came aſhore here in Boats, 'and bought Fowls, Butter, Eggs and Bacon in our 'Market, which they paid for in Portugal Money, 'with great Civility, and afterwards return'd to their 'Boats and went on Board, without offering to 'commit any Hoſtilities.

Extract of a Letter from Briſtol, dated Feb. 29.

'Laſt Night arriv'd here the Lark, Whitford, from the Gold Coaſt. The laſt Place of her Trade was Annamaboo, or Acra. She came thence the 20th of Octobr, and meeting with long Paſſages, put into Annabona, and then again into Tercera, one of the Weſtern Iſlands, where his Mate, and five or ſix Men, were ſent on Shore to purchaſe Proviſions; but a Storm coming on he ſail'd and left them and her Boat behind, and bore away for Liſbon; from whence he ſail'd 14 Days ago, with the Succeſs and Blandford Men of War, and ſundry Ships, but I cannot hear the Names of more than the Molly, Tape, for this Place, whom he parted with off Uſhant laſt Saturday, and ſhe is not arriv'd here yet. We have this Day an Account, that the Induſtry, Bryan, from Leghorn for Briſtol; and the William, Stold, from Briſtol and Falmouth from Leghorn, were both taken by a Schooner Privateer the 21ſt or 22d paſt; and that both Maſters are at Viana, but no Account of the Ships.

'The Virginian, Lewis, from Briſtol for Virginia, was ſeen going in there. The Planter, Lavers, from Antigua, arriv'd at Carolina the 7th paſt.

An Extract of a Letter from Debenham in Suffolk, dated March 2.

'Yeſterday Morning a moſt dreadful Fire broke out in this Town, which in a ſhort Time conſum'd about thirty Houſes to Aſhes: As the Fire began at the lower End of the Town, and the Wind blowing with great Violence at full Weſt, there was no Poſſibility of extinguiſhing it. Several Houſes were on Fire at once; ſo that the Inhabitants could ſave but little of their Effects, moſt of whom are reduced to the greateſt Diſtreſs; and what Houſes are left are not ſufficient to contain the unhappy Sufferers: Amidſt this dreadful Calamity I have the Happineſs to inform you, that not a Life was loſt; but how the Fire began is at preſent unknown.'

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, March 3. The King has been pleaſed to order his Letters Mandatory to be iſſued to the Sub-Dean, or, in his Abſence, to the Preſident and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Lincoln, for electing Dr. Thomas Cheney to be Dean of the ſaid Church, in the room of the Right Reverend Father in God Dr. Edward Willes, Biſhop of Bath and Wells.

The King has been pleaſed to grant unto Francis Walwyn, Maſter of Arts, the Place and Dignity of a Canon, or Prebendary of the Metropolitical Church of Canterbury, void by the Promotion of Dr. Samuel Liſle, late Prebendary thereof, to the Biſhoprick of St. Aſaph.

The King has been pleaſed to preſent Thomas Newton, Maſter of Arts, to the united Pariſhes of St. Mary le Bow, St. Pancras Soper Lane, and All-hallows Honey Lane, in the City of London and the peculiar Juriſdiction of Canterbury, void by the Promotion of Dr. Samuel Liſle to the Biſhoprick of St. Aſaph.

Whitehall, March 6. Letters receiv'd laſt Night by a Meſſenger from Paris adviſe, that there had been an Engagement in the Mediterranean, between his Majeſty's Squadron under the Command of Admiral Matthews and the Combined Fleets of France and Spain, which began on the 22d paſt, N. S. and continued during that and the two following Days: That ſeveral of the Spaniſh Men of War had ſuffer'd greatly therein, and ſome of them had been driven on the 24th into Barcelona, and others into Carthagena. And the ſame Letters add, that the French Admiral, with part of the Squadron of that Crown, had got into the Port of Alicant. A full Account of all Particulars is expected every Hour from Admiral Matthews.

Whitehall, March 6. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Mordaunt Cratcherode, Eſq; to be Governor of Land-Guard Fort, and Captain of the Independent Company of Invalids doing Duty there, in the room of Bacon Morris, Eſq; deceas'd.

BANKRUPTS.

George Mackinder, of St. James Weſtminſter in the County of Middleſex, Cabinet-maker.

John Foſs, of Chulmleigh in the County of Devon, Shoemaker and Chapman.

William Graham, of Mendham in the County of Norfolk, Innholder.

General Poſt-Office, London, Jan. 12, 1743.

WHEREAS the Poſt-Boy, carrying the North Mail from Huntingdon *to* Stilton, *was Yeſterday the* 11th *Inſtant, about Six o'Clock in the Evening, attack'd on the Highway, at a Place call'd* Stangate-Hole, *by a ſingle Highwayman, who preſented a Piſtol to the Poſt-Boy's Breaſt, and carried off the following Bags, viz.* Durham, Hull, Boſton, Falkingham, Lincoln, Horncaſtle, Louth, Spalding, Stamford, Bourn *and* Peterborough; *the Perſon who committed this Robbery is a luſty Man, and had on a large dark Frock over his Coat, his Face was cover'd with Black, and he rode on a dark Sorrel Horſe with a White Face, and made off for the* Biggleſwade *Road.*

This therefore is to give Notice, That whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, will be entitled to a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Perſon or Perſons, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make Diſcovery, whereby the Perſon who committed the ſame may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer or Diſcoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be entitled to the ſame Reward of* TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, *and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Poſt-Maſter-General.

GEO. SHELVOCKE, *Sec.*

General-Poſt-Office, London, Feb. 8, 1743.

WHEREAS the Poſt-Boy, going out with the Weſt *Mail from this Office, was this Morning, between Five and Six o'Clock, attack'd on the Highway at the* Stating *Place, on the other Side of* Turnham-Green, *by a ſingle Highwayman, who took the ſaid Poſt-Boy into a Field adjoining to the Road, and open'd the Mail, and carried off the* Exeter *and* Plymouth *Bags: The Perſon who committed this Robbery is a middle-ſiz'd Man, and had on a blue Great Coat, with his Hat tied over his Head; and he rode on a Sorrel Horſe with a white Face, about fourteen Hands high, and made off for* Acton, *the* Oxford *Road.*

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